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Title: RETRACTABLE PYLON ARRANGEMENT

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a [X] continuation [] divisional
[] continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending
prior application:

Serial No.: 09/631 573 Filing Date: August 4, 2000

Inventor(s): Dwight David JOHNSON

Title: RETRACTABLE PYLON ARRANGEMENT

Group: 3671 Examiner: G. Hartmann

The disclosure of this prior parent application, as well as any
applications from which this prior application may claim
priority, is hereby incorporated by reference.

[] This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named
in the prior application. **DELETE** the following inventor(s)
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Enclosed are:

- New specification.
- Marked-up version of specification showing changes to
prior parent application (optional).
- Copy of prior specification.

- [X] Amend the specification by inserting before line 1 of page 1, the sentence:

---This is a continuation of Serial No. 09/631 573, filed August 4, 2000.---

- [X] Declaration or Oath, which is:

[] New

[X] A copy of the Declaration or Oath from the prior application.

- [X] 5 Drawing Sheets [X] Formal

[] Informal

- [] Amendment Before First Office Action

- [] Cancel in this application Claims of the present application before calculating the filing fee. (Retain at least one independent claim.)

- [] Information Disclosure Statement

- [X] Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.

[] _____ Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.

- [X] The prior application is assigned of record to National Sign & Signal Co., Battle Creek, Michigan.

- [X] Acknowledgment Postal Card

- [] Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on _____ Application No. _____, filed _____.

[] The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. _____, filed _____.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53, the above-identified application is being submitted without the filing fee, and it is respectfully requested that this application be granted a serial number and filing date and that the undersigned be notified of the date by which the filing fee must be submitted.

- [X] The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to Dale H. Thiel (Reg. No. 24323), David G. Boutell (Reg. No. 25072), Ronald J. Tanis (Reg. No. 22724), Terryence F. Chapman (Reg. No. 32549), Mark L. Maki (Reg. No. 36589), David S. Goldenberg (Reg. No. 31257), Sidney B. Williams, Jr. (Reg. No. 24949), Liane L. Churney (Reg. No. 40694) and Brian R. Tumm (Reg. No. 36328, all of 2026 Rambling Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008.

[X] The Power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

[] The Power does not appear in the original papers; a copy of the Power is enclosed.

The undersigned is: [X] an attorney of record in the prior application

[] acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

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Respectfully submitted,

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By: Dina Schipper

Date: August 20, 2003

Document(s) attached: Rule 1.53(b) Transmittal dated
 August 20, 2003
 Specification, Claims, Abstract and
 formal drawings (5 sheets)
 Inventor's Declaration (copy)
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